Application No. 10/016,327 Amdt. Dated September 22, 2003 Reply to Office Action of May 20, 2003

**Remarks/Election:** 

The May 20, 2003 purports that the application contains claims directed to

patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution of Claims 1-6, 8 and 14-19.

Applicants have canceled the non-elected claims. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional

application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims prior to the issuance of a

patent on those claims elected for further prosecution at this time.

Furthermore, Applicants elect that the lectin is administered intravaginally and the

device is non-absorbant as the single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the

claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicants submit

that Claims 1-6, 8 and 14-19 are readable thereon.

An action on the merits is solicited.

Although Applicant believes that this Amendment does not result in additional

fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be due, or credit any

overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

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